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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD): SITE AND PRESIDENCY

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1. WE DISCUSSED U.S. POSITION ON IFAD SITE AND PRESI-
DENCY AS CONTAINED PARAS 1-3 REFTEL WITH OVERSEAS DEVEL-
OPMENT MINISTRY (ODM) OFFICIALS DECEMBER 30. WE NOTED
THE IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHESTO RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES

PRIOR TO FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD AND ASKED THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. THEY AGREED THAT A MEETING IN DAC FORUM TO COORDINATE OECD MEMBER POSITIONS WOULD BE USEFUL AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE HELD AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE NEXT PREPCOM, I.E. LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH.

2. SITE: UK PREFERENCE IS FOR ROME RATHER THAN TEHRAN FOR SITE OF IFAD HEADQUARTERS. ROME'S ADVANTAGES ARE OBVIOUS AND ODM OFFICIALS "HAVE FEELING" THAT MOST CATEGORY III COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO SUPPORT ROME. THEY HOPE FAO DIRGEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE SOME CATEGORY III COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ROME AND THEIR REP TO FAO HAS SUGGESTED HE TAKE SUCH ACTION. THEY RECOGNIZE HOWEVER THAT "CAREFUL DIPLOMATIC WORK" WILL HAVE TO BE DONE IN CATEGORY III CAPITALS IN ORDER TO SOFTEN THEM UP. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE BY SECRET BALLOT TO AVOID IRANIAN PRESSURE ON ROME SUPPORTERS FROM EITHER CATEGORY II OR III.

3. PRESIDENCY: UK HAS LINGERING DOUBTS ABOUT "HORSE TRADING" ON SITE AND PRESIDENCY AND FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER THE TWO SHOULD BE DIRECTLY LINKED HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN. ODM OFFICIALS HAVE NO STRONG VIEWS YET ON PRESIDENCY ISSUE AND ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED EXCEPT THAT CANDIDATES BE FULLY QUALIFIED. SAUDIS HAVE LOBBIED FCO ON BEHALF OF SUDEARY BUT NO ONE SEEMS TOO IMPRESSED WITH HIS QUALIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION ODM HAS SEEN INDICATIONS FROM ROME THAT SHIHATA (KUWAITI DIRGEN OF OPEC DEVELOPMENT FUND) IS STILL IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RUNNING. THEY FEEL THAT "FROM STANDPOINT OF EXPERIENCE HE MIGHT BE THE BEST MAN." THEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT ODM HAD AT ONE TIME CONSIDERED PROPOSING A CATEGORY III CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT BUT THIS IDEA HAS BEEN DROPPED. THEY NOW FULLY SUPPORT VIEW THAT TOP MANAGEMENT OF FUND COME FROM DONOR COUNTRIES.

4. FINALLY THEY REITERATED THAT THEY HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ON PRESIDENCY AND THAT THEY WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE A ROME/CATEGORY II PRESIDENT SCENARIO WORK OUT. THEY THEN RAISED QUESTION OF VICE PRESIDENCY AND ASKED WHO WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE. THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT FIELD ANYONE AND INDICATED THEY "WOULD NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE" TO A U.S. CANDIDATE.

5. RATIFICATION. UK HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM UN SYG THAT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR IFAD ARE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE. AS SOON AS THIS IS

RECEIVED SOMEONE IN NEW YORK WILL BE DESIGNATED TO SIGN.
RATIFICATION WILL TAKE ABOUT 3 OR 4 MONTHS FROM DATE OF
SIGNATURE DEPENDING ON PARLIAMENTARY SCHEDULE.

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